

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 5 and ending at page 17, line 1 with the following:

Incidentally, in regard to this coupling position, as shown in FIG. 8, coupling can be performed at positions obtained by substantially partitioning off the resonators 27 and 28 in units of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength like the example shown in FIG. 5. That is, a part of the transmission line path 29 other than coupling parts 29a and 29b is bent into a U-shape so as to be away from the resonators 27 and 28, and there is formed a transmission line path ~~[[29c]]~~ 29 having a shape that the coupling parts are added to the U-shaped portion. Each of the coupling parts 29a and 29b has a predetermined length x of the substantial  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength, and a section of each of the resonators 27 and 28 is partitioned off by the predetermined length x of the substantial  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength. Each of the coupling portions 29a and 29b with the predetermined length x in the partitioned section is opposed to a corresponding resonator in closest proximity thereto. In such a case, the coupling part 29a or 29b may be opposed at any position of the resonator 27 or 28. When the transmission line path 29 is bent in this manner, a deviation of coupling can be reduced as compared with a case that the transmission path 29 is linearly formed.